(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The value of export of bicycles and parts amounted to Rs. 30.00 crores during April-November, 1986. The exports were Rs. 46.50 crores during 1984-85 and 1985-86 respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The stagnation in bicycles exports have taken place because:

(1) Indian industry is still largely producing the traditional bicycles and needs upgradation of technology.

(2) Balance of payments problems are being faced by many of our tradi tional markets. This has resutted in re duced demand for imports.

(3) Certain of indigenous capacity in some of our markets for manufacture of bicycles.

Promotion of tourism by India in Mauritius

157. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether- the Government of Mauri tius has sought the assistance of the Gov ernment of India for promoting tourism in that country

(b) whether any agreement has been signed between the two countries in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The various measures for th© promotion *ot* tourism between mauritius and India came in for discusson both during the visit of Minister of State for Tourism accompanied by the Director General of Tourism in Sepember, 1986 and during the recent visit to India by a high level Mauritanian delegation led-by Sir Charles Gaetan Duval, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Employment and Tourism.

No agreement on Tourism has been signed between the two countries. However, in the agreed minutes of discussions between the high level Mauritanian delegation referred to above, various measures such as India's participation in the Indian Ocean Festival to be held in Mauritius this year and India's assistance on. estiblishing a hotel and catering school in Mauritius have been agreed to on principle. Government of India have also agreed to examine administratively and financially to consider the Mauritanian proposal for special incentives to be granted to Indian tourists going to Mauritius.

Change of name of Bombay City

158. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state-

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Bombay Muncipal Corporation to change the name of the city from Bombay to Mumbai;

(b) if so whether Government have accepted this request; and

(c) if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As a matter of policy the Govern ment of India have not been agreeing to the proposals for the change in the names of villages, towns, cities merely on gro unds of local patriotism or for linguistic reasons or for merely satisfying local sentiments.

News-item captioned Higher Export Quota for State"

159. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be plea sed to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Higher Export Quota for State" which appeared in the Indian Express, Bombay edition of the 5th February 1987; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the current year Government have so far released a quantity of 2.67 lakh bales of long and extra long staple cotton in favour of various agencies, including 55,000 bales to Maharashtra State Co-op. Cotton Growers' Marketing Federation. In addition 0.50 lakh bales of Bengal Deshi has been released for export. Out of this quantity 2.11 lakh bales of long and extra long staple cotton and 36,382 bales of Bengal Deshi were registered for export upto 10th February, 1987.

Closed textile mills in Rajasthan

160. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATUR VEDI- Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state.

(a) what is the number of textile mills lying closed in Rajasthan and since when they are lying closed; and

(b) what steps Government have taken or intended to take to restart the closed textile mills?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR), (a) A statement is enclosed. *(See below).*

(b) Government have set up a Nodal Agency to examine sick closed textile mills in order to determine whether they are potentially viable or not_ The Nodal Agency evolves and manages rehabilitation packages in respect of those mills which are found by it to be potentially viable. Mills which are found to be nonviable may have to close down permanently. Workers of those mills which closed down permanently on of after 6-6-85 will be entitled to financial assistance under the Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme.

Statement

Cotton textile mills in Rajasthan lying closed as on 31 *st December,* 1986

S. No.	Name of the Mill	Date of closure
1.	Jaipur Spinning and Weaving Mill, Jaipur	16-4-82
2.	Sudarshan Textiles, Kota	6-3-85
3.	Siddha Syntex Ltd., Udaipur	3-3-86
4.	Podar Spinning Mills, Jaipur	2-8-85
5.	Krishna Mills Ltd., Beawar	14-8-83

Posts of Ambassadors/High Commissioners lying vacant

161. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI, Win the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries where posts of Ambassadors or High Commissioners an lying vacant;

(b) the policy of Government for ap-ipoMing palraoris on these diplomatic posts; and

(c) the total number of non-officials, officials and retired officials, of each category at present on such posts

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The